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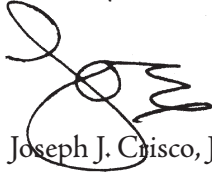
Dear Neighbor,

I am deeply honored that you have expressed your confidence in my ability, caring, and accomplishments, and have given me the privilege of serving you once again in the state Senate. I look forward to continuing our discussion of issues now that the 2005 legislative session has gotten underway.

This newsletter describes some of my efforts on behalf of my district and Naugatuck in particular. Here you will find a review of my annual Senior Fair and of various local programs I helped to fund. You also will find information about my initiatives for the coming session.

I hope that you will take a moment to read about these matters. As always, I invite your comments, ideas and opinions. Please feel free to contact me about legislative matters or if you feel I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. Crisco, Jr.
State Senator, 17th District



I am proud to serve as the Chief Assistant President Pro Tempore and Federal Relations Liaison of the state Senate. I also serve as chair of the Insurance & Real Estate Committee, vice chair of the Banks and Commerce Committees, and sit as a member on the Legislative Management Committee.

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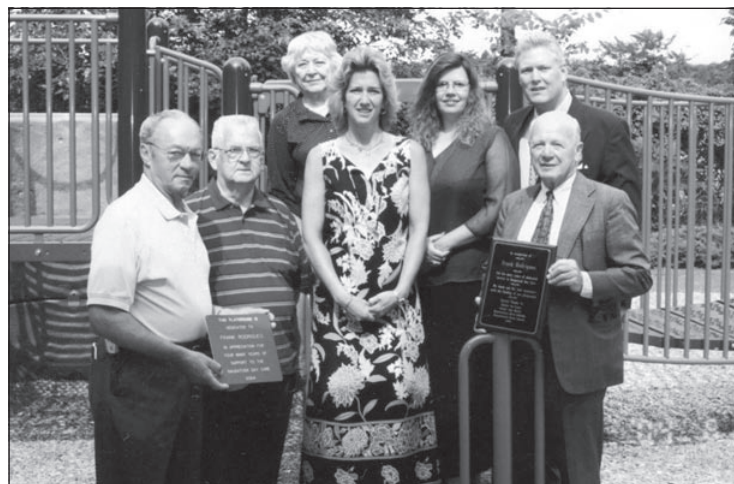
SPECIAL NAUGATUCK FUNDING

It's always gratifying to me to help my towns by providing special funding for local cultural, education or recreational programs. Among the beneficiaries of funding I worked hard to secure are:

- ✦ Naugatuck Historical Society—new sign
- ✦ Naugatuck Day Care Center—playground
- ✦ Fairchild Park—rehabilitation and upgrades



The Naugatuck Historical Society recently opened its new office and museum in the renovated train station. I was proud to secure funding for the Society's new sign.



Having helped provide funding for the Naugatuck Day Care Center Playground, I felt honored to take part in the dedication ceremonies. The playground was named after Frank Rodriguez.

I also worked with my legislative colleagues to secure bonding for upgrades to the Senior Citizens' Center, and for continuing upgrades and improvements at the Naugatuck High School athletic fields.

17TH DISTRICT SENIOR HEALTH AND INFORMATION FAIR



The entire community is grateful to Griffin Hospital for making the flu vaccine available at my 2004 Senior Fair, which took place this past October at Warsaw Park in Ansonia. Griffin's nurses worked tirelessly throughout the day to administer flu shots to more than 400 seniors and at-risk individuals. The response of Griffin Hospital to our residents' concerns during this flu vaccine shortage is truly deserving of our highest praise.



We also owe a debt of gratitude to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro for making possible a "first" for the 17th district—glaucoma/vision screening through the Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation. The Foundation owns and operates the Mobile Eye Testing Station. This large van traveled from Lake Success, New York to Ansonia, Connecticut in order to provide a complimentary screening at the Fair.

I was pleased to greet the many Naugatuck residents who took advantage of the information and services offered at the 2004 Senior Fair. I look forward to seeing you again next year.

2005 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

AS SENATE CHAIRMAN OF THE INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE, I am planning a number of initiatives that, if successful, will broaden health care and other types of coverage, assist healthcare providers as well as enhance existing programs. These initiatives grew out of recommendations made at informational hearings I held early this fall. Some of the initiatives I am proposing include:

- ✦ The Nutmeg Partnership—a healthcare coverage program partnering the state with individuals, with businesses, and with other entities
- ✦ Mold coverage for private dwellings
- ✦ Reimbursement for physicians and reduced paperwork
- ✦ Wellness coverage
- ✦ Enhancement of MEHIP
- ✦ Expansion of HUSKY

We also plan to look into questionable insurance practices, the medical malpractice insurance liability issue, obesity, and more:

- ✦ Property tax relief
- ✦ Aid to municipalities
- ✦ ECS funding
- ✦ Higher Education